

# City of Austin Veteran Services and Initiatives



#### History of the City of Austin Veterans Program

#### Veterans Day November 2007 Unveiling of the City of Austin Veterans Program

### **City of Austin Veteran Policies**

- Military Pay Supplement
- Paid 15 Days of Military Leave
- Veterans Preference in Hiring
- Service Credit of Military Active Duty up to 4 years towards City of Austin Retirement
- Military Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

#### Veteran Specific Programs

- Commission on Veteran Affairs
- Service Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise
- Veterans Small Business Loan
- Military Job Fairs
- Quarterly Veterans Benefits Symposium
- Annual Women Veterans Appreciation Luncheon
- Annual Veterans Day Appreciation Luncheon
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Veterans Day Parade
- Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness
- Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families.
- Fort Hood Career Skills Program
- Furniture for No Longer Homeless Veterans
- Veteran's Resource Guide

## Awards and Recognition

- Secretary of Defense Freedom Award
- Department of Defense State Pro Patria Award
- Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Prominence Award
- State and National Disabled American Veterans Large Employer Award
- State and National Veteran of Foreign Wars Large Employer Award
- Department of Defense Freedom Award Society
- Austin Police Department Recognized for Best for Veterans by Military Times

## Military ADA Accommodations

- Mindful of Military Employees
- Stress Confidentiality
- Department HR ADA Coordinator
- Make all efforts to accommodate in current position
- Return to Work Program 60 Days
- Non-apparent vs apparent
- Physical and Mental
- David Ondich (ADA Program Manager) 974-3256
- www.eeoc.gov

## **Other Veterans Program**

- With Search 25 Cities in 13 States have an Active Veterans Program.
- The State of Massachusetts: Chapter 115 Law requires Veteran Service Officers in every City (39 Cities)

# Thank You

#### Questions

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